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IT IS SAFER for anarchists to murder women than men. Perhaps that accounts for it.

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GOVERNOR BLACK thinks, for his part, that T. C. Platt is a rough rider his very self.

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"THE PASSING of Roosevelt" is discussed by a contemporary. Mistake. He hasn't passed. They've ordered him up.

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THE LATE Democratic convention in this state must have been harmonious, because not a man of it was killed.

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TO GOVERNOR BLACK—Remember, dear sir, that there are as many good fish in the political sea as have ever been pulled out of it.

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THERE OUGHT to be a peace commission in behalf of a respectable funeral for Democratic leaders of this state who are trying to kill one another.

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THE SPANIARDS looked upon Roosevelt as a rough rider; and what will the Democratic candidate think when the young man gets through with him?

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THE COURAGE of Theodore Roosevelt at San Juan has never been questioned; and as to the newspaper- and magazine-writers he carries every one of them by a large majority.

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THE YOUNG WOMAN of this town who committed suicide because she couldn't find her ideal man for a husband should have searched further. We can't be in eight or ten places at once.

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THE PROPOSITION of many women of Ohio to have the word "obey" omitted from the marriage service contemplates only half a reform. The word should not be omitted, but transferred to the man's side of the transaction.

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WASHINGTON SPOKE for three million people when he spoke against expansion. These people have so expanded that they number seventy million, and they can't clothe themselves with the same ideas or the same garments.

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THE SILVER MEN of the Democracy of this state have a right to revolt. They have a large majority over the sound-money men of the party, and the majority ought to rule. The tail must not wag the donkey. The donkey must wag the tail.

HIS IDEA OF IT.

WOODBY HUNTER (*sighting along his dog's tail*)—"Yawse, bah Jove! my pointer is pointing all right; but, demmit! what is he pointing at? I'll be hanged if I can see any game back there."

MURDEROUS MALICE.

THE BRITISH CONSUL at Havana, who was given charge of American interests in that town, was hated by the local Spaniards and found it difficult to buy the necessaries of life. In consequence his wife died, and hundreds of Americans were unnecessarily made to suffer. It might be well to omit the Maine long enough to thoroughly remember that.

THE GENTLER WAY OF ROBBERY.

THE FAMILY QUARREL in the palace at Peking may have to be settled by the intercession of Russia and England, and that would mean war between those powers. Perhaps a peace congress would be better, the powers quietly making their selections of the territory of the empire, meanwhile letting the dowager empress and the emperor scratch out each other's eyes strictly in private.

DIAMONDS FOR SPITE.

THERE IS A NEW FAD. It is to put a brooch of diamonds at the back to hold the bodice together; and we are told that it is so popular that women whose bodices fasten at the front have adopted it. The deceptiveness of woman is thus emphasized. Of course, only women see those brooches anyhow, and in both cases they are worn simply as a matter of spite to those who have that privilege.

THE BIGGEST BLUFFER.

DON CARLOS may go to the head of the Spanish nation through revolution, but his talk shows that he is even more ignorant of American resources than the existing government. His speedy failure would be inevitable, and then another revolution might cost him his head and remove the frothiest and most puerile of all the pretenders. So that one good thing might come to the Spaniards through the war, anyhow.

SAFETY IN WAR.

A LITTLE WAR just now might save France from the danger which threatens her as a result of the Dreyfus matter. It should be a very little war, however; not one that would come from interference in the Philippines, or with General Kitchener in the Soudan. As much of the army as possible ought to get out of the country, not to say out of the world—and why not a struggle with the mountains of the moon?

A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

WE CANNOT give the Philippine islands back to Spain. That would be shameful. It would be unfair to ourselves, to the inhabitants of the islands and to the fighting men who won the victory. And we cannot leave the islands to government by revolution. That would be more shameful yet. The responsibility of success, as the Republican platform of this state suggests, is not to be shirked. Those islands are under our control, and there they must remain long enough, at least, to give their people the protection of a strong and humane system of government.

THE CONVIVIAL SOJOURNER.

"THERE IS MORE DRINK consumed in temperance hotels than elsewhere," testified the keeper of one of those institutions in making application for a license. "Where shall the abstainers go?" said the lawyer opposing the application. "There are no abstainers," was the reply, with emphasis. This seems to be a sweeping statement, but the truth is that all travelers are apt to be ill. It is a natural effect of getting away from home, and nothing can put a stop to it. But it is well to remember the wisdom of Artemus Ward. "I never ask for a drink at a temperance hotel," said he; "they sell such poor liquor there."

HOW THEY TURNED OUT.

FARMER CORNFED—"Ya-as, my son Josh took the law course at Yale, Rube took the scientific course, and Dave took the divinity course."
FARMER HAYRAKE—"And they have all done well, I suppose?"
FARMER CORNFED—"Yew bet they have. Josh is trainer uv the Washout Indian university foot-ball team, Rube is coach uv the Bungtown military-academy crew, and Dave is athletic director uv the Pokeville young ladies' seminary track-team and base-ball nine."

HIS EXPERIENCE.

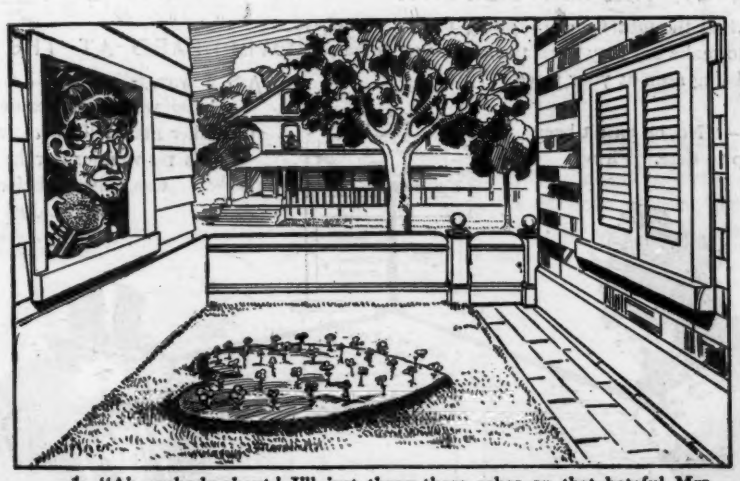
IN DAYS of Rome, when men beheld
The gladiators vie,
Thumbs up became the chosen sign
That he who lost must die.

Now times are changed and things like this
Are differently put;
I know I've lost the day whene'er
My wife puts down her foot.

MC LANDBURGH WILSON.

A READY REMEDY.

Beth (listening to a hen clucking to her chickens)—"Do-n't talk so fast, biddy-hen, an' then you won't stutter so, don't you see?"



1. "Ah, nobody about! I'll just throw these ashes on that hateful Mrs. Plump's new flower-bed."

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

Bobby—"My sister is going to marry an English earl."

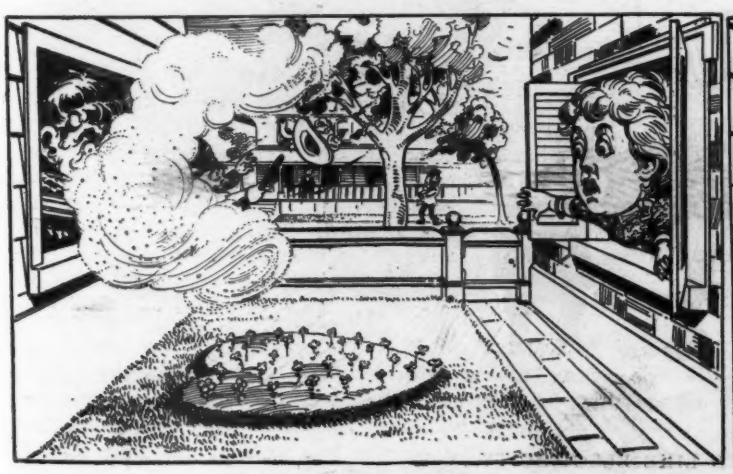
Tommy—"Pooh, that's nothing! My sister 's engaged to a lieutenant in the United States navy."

HOW IT HAPPENED.

Mrs. Good—"My poor man, are you married?"

Soiled Spooner—"No'm; I got dis hunted look from always bein' chased from place to place by de police."

WHEN a woman is in the midst of a proposal her heart palpitates. With a man it's his knees.



2. But just then a breeze——

3. ——blew them back again.

"AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NOBODY GOOD."

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

PAULA EDWARDS IN "THE RUNAWAY GIRL."

Petite and sweet comedienne,
With dazzling girls and clever men
By Daly cast, you still contrive
To win your nightly encores five.
And who can match, much less outdo,
The wit and witchery of you?

SAUCE.

THE difference between a verse and a poem is the difference between rhyme and real autumn.

Lamb is always young mutton in the dictionary, but it often misses connection on the bill-of-fare.

Fall-fever is a convenient term covering a multitude of indolence.

Sometimes the too-confident amateur plants a nice crop of nasturtiums and raises therefrom a lot of cabbages.

One of the best things about spring is that there are no general elections to disturb the country.

Very sadly indeed the young man's fancy turns to thoughts of vacation money.

When the wise man said all men were liars he was probably reading the advertisements of cottages in the Jerusalem *Journal*.

When the real garlic flavor permeates the city milk it is a real sign that the milkman knows what is expected of him.

A CRUCIAL TEST.

CITIZEN—"But, offsher, I protesht that I am not the leasht bit (hic) intoshicated (hic)!"

OFFICER—"Well, thin, Oi'll not arrest yez if yez kin tell me ter wanst how many shtories there are in thot building over there."

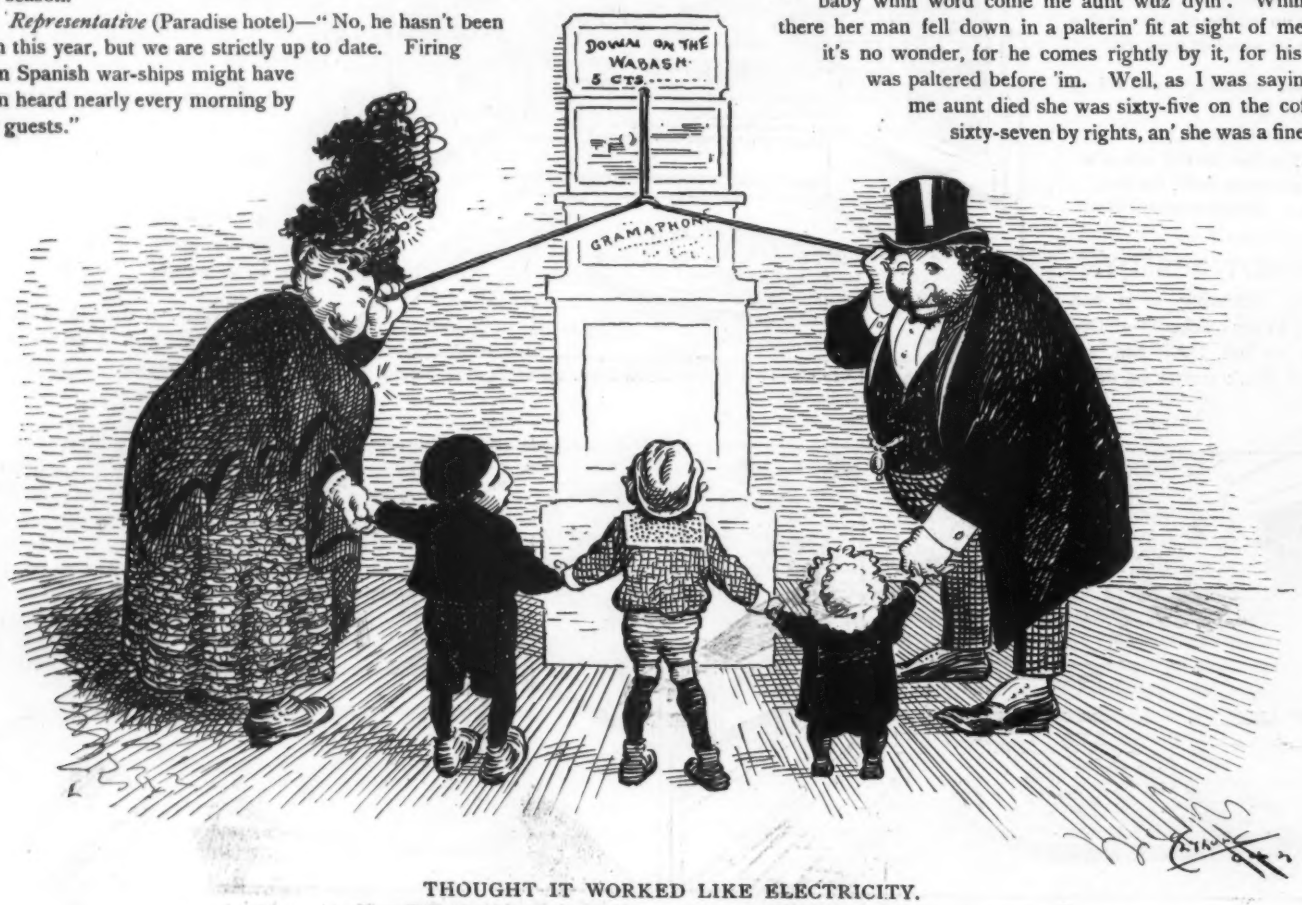
THE WAR EDITION OF THE SEA-SERPENT.

Mrs. Mennigirls—"Yes, we had thought some of going to your hotel, but we wanted enough excitement to make our stay attractive. As yet we have read nothing about the sea-serpent being seen at your place this season."

Representative (Paradise hotel)—"No, he hasn't been seen this year, but we are strictly up to date. Firing from Spanish war-ships might have been heard nearly every morning by our guests."

OVERHEARD AT THE SQUATTER'S COTTAGE.

"AS I was tellin' yer, I was mindin' Mrs. Maginnis's infant baby whin word come me aunt wuz dyin'. Whin I got there her man fell down in a palterin' fit at sight of me. But it's no wonder, for he comes rightly by it, for his father was paltered before 'im. Well, as I was sayin', whin me aunt died she was sixty-five on the coffin an' sixty-seven by rights, an' she was a fine lady."



THOUGHT IT WORKED LIKE ELECTRICITY.

How Eckstein thought he could get the best of the phonograph company.

THE LUCK OF THREE.

IT WAS in the old-year days, when halloween
A place among the festivals held still,
That Jack and Hal and I, with hearts yet green,
Went to a husking-bee at Middleville.
Each sprucer than a lord in store-made gear
Resolved to bring some splendid trophy back;
And Jack indeed secured the reddest ear—
Ah, lucky Jack!

And later, when the nuts were passed around,
The cider and the other homely cheer,
It was declared that whosoever found
The reddest apple in a barrel near
Might kiss that maiden thrice whom he loved best
And crown her queen of all the festival,
Hal's pippin was adjudged the ruddiest—
Ah, luckier Hal!

But far from where the glinting lanterns hung,
When Jack and Hal had won their victories
And tired of them, a lover found a tongue
Lost temporarily, and 'neath the trees
Received from lips half-dumb with happy smiles
The right to kiss till breath should fail and fly
The reddest cheeks within a thousand miles—
Ah, luckiest *I*!

EDWARD W. BARNARD.

POKER TERM.
"Jacks up."

HIS KNEES ALL RIGHT.

"WHAT'S the matter—are you weak-kneed?" indignantly shouted an officer to a bolting Irishman during the battle of Santiago. "No, sor; Oi ain't," replied the soldier. "Oi'm runnin' 's fasht 's inny av thim."

OUR MATCHLESS MATCHES.

This is the match that you wanted to extinguish and apparently blew out in your parlor, but which stayed lit until you had burned your hand to finally extinguish it.

Same brand of match on the street when you wish to ignite a cigar. With the most painstaking and shrewd Irish care every one you ignite insists upon flickering out immediately.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.

IT HAPPENED in Kansas, the abode of sockless statesmen and petticoated politicians, where an uncanceled farm-mortgage is a curiosity.

The slanting rays of a radiant sun fell athwart a party of checker-players sitting in a harness-shop. The contest had been in progress for hours, and the interest had reached such a pitch that, unnoticed, a great, black swirling cloud hovered in the offing. Rapidly it grew, the while increasing in blackness and swirlingness, rushing toward the little village; but the game of checkers continued.

The glamour of the sun's rays faded, a sepulchral stillness settled upon that part of the earth; then quick, jerky blasts of wind warningly heralded the approach of the cyclone, but not an eye was removed from the checker-board.

"Here comes old Army Boy, loaded as usual."
"Yes; he was that way all the time at Santiago."

A crash; a roar; blinding confusion; darkness; a peculiar whistling of the wind as though passing through the air on a mile-a-minute train; another crash.

The harness-shop had been bodily picked up by the cyclone, carried forty-six rods, and dumped into a corn-field.

"Jim!" called one man, rubbing his eyes and cautiously inventorying his person; "Jim!"

"Here I am," replied Jim, rather feebly, from beneath the work-bench.

"I say, Jim; I'm allfired glad that twister hit us just when it did."

"Why so?" groaned Jim.

"Why, if it hadn't you'd surely got into my king-row the very next move, in spite of all I could do, and busted up the game."

FRANK J. STILLMAN.

MARRIAGE is the cold potato of love.

WHAT QUEERED HIM.

ALLEGED BLIND MAN—"Beautiful lady, pity de blind."
MISS ANTEAQUE (*suspiciously*)—"How did you know a lady was passing if you are blind?"
ALLEGED BLIND MAN—"By de lightness uv yer tread, lady."
MISS ANTEAQUE (*simperingly*)—"Here is a half-dollar; but I must scold you for saying I am beautiful."
ALLEGED BLIND MAN—"Ah, lady, if you knew how badly I needed dis money you would fergive a little lyin' gallantry. T'ank yer."

THE NERVOUS INVALID.

"YOU say your wife is much stronger, but that she's feeling worse. I don't quite understand."

"It's simple enough. She can be as sick only as her strength will permit, and naturally the more strength she has the worse she can feel."

THE LAST STRAW.

ISIDOR HAMSTEIN—"Ven I vas sent to der vork-house for dirty days you can suppose vat mein feelinks vas; but ven I got dere unt vas told dot I *must* take a bath, dot settled it. I vished meiuselluf dead."

DROPPED THE SUBJECT.

He was on one of the late suburban trains, returning home after a day in the city, carrying the usual purchases for each member of the family. He was also carrying a very decent-sized city jag, but had it well down, in anticipation of his reception should he allow it to come to the surface. He had applied brakes too soon, however, and couldn't stand the pressure. He started the monologue in a low voice, but soon warmed up to the subject and struck in on a higher and louder key; then settled back in his seat with exaggerated solemnity to receive the reply of his imaginary adversary.

His words were jumbled together with hiccoughs and tangled up with the dilapidated remains of a cigar; but we knew he was on the subject of the relative merits of Schley and Sampson. He stood up in the heat of debate and, spying his fellow-passengers across the aisle for the first time, started on a starboard tack for that quarter. He reached his destination safely, carefully removed his cigar, straightened up, and said,

"Well, what you shay to dropping th' subject?"

They acquiesced by a nod. He retacked to his seat and was soon asleep. K. R. C.

THE MASQUERADE.

STRANGE piping thrills the eve o' Hallowmas
With sorrows half unsaid,
And down the highways of the darkness pass
The masquers of the dead.

Sere, wrinkled leaves and bloom of summers gone,
And waifs of flowerless weeds,
Like disembodied dreams they hurry on
Where'er the night-wind leads.

And evermore with him they idly flaunt
By wild and croft and mere,
For they are one with all the ghosts that haunt
The wastes of yester-year. JOHN DAHL WHITE.

SORRY TO LOSE HIM.

MRS. HARTBROQUE—"Our daughter has eloped with the coachman."
HARTBROQUE—"That's too bad. He was the best coachman I ever had."

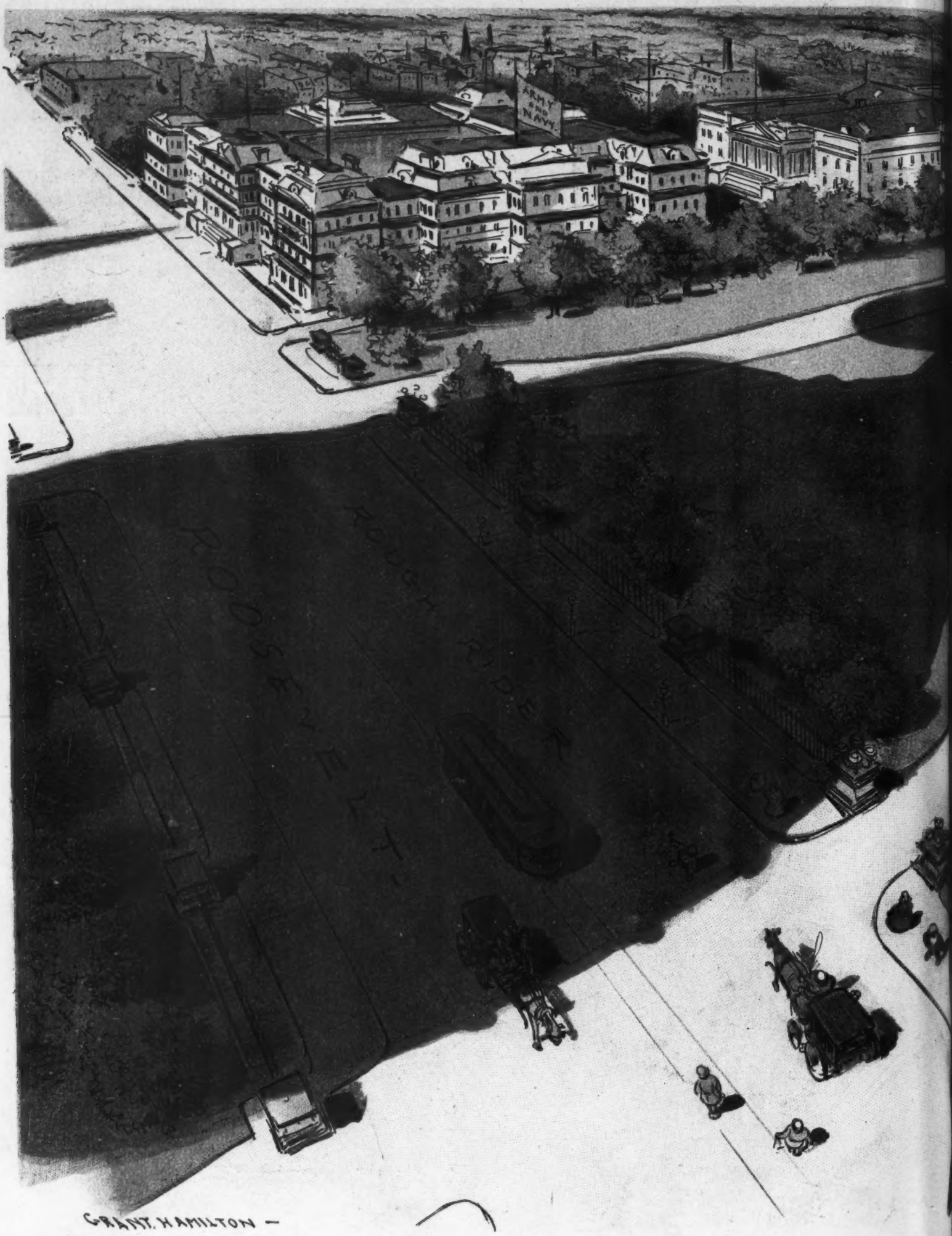
THIS WAS BEFORE THE WAR.

"OH, IT was fine!" exclaimed the señorita to her American visitor. "I wish you had gone with me. It was a magnificent corrida. The matador killed six bulls."

"Only six?" replied the American girl. "Why, at my uncle's abattoirs at Chicago they kill a thousand steers a day."

ROUGH RIDERS.

GOOD BOY—"Mother says I can't go out on my bicycle this afternoon; I've got to stay in the house."
BAD BOY—"Aw, shucks! Dat's de way wid some women. Dey'd sooner have deir kids grow up ter be reconcentrados dan rough riders."



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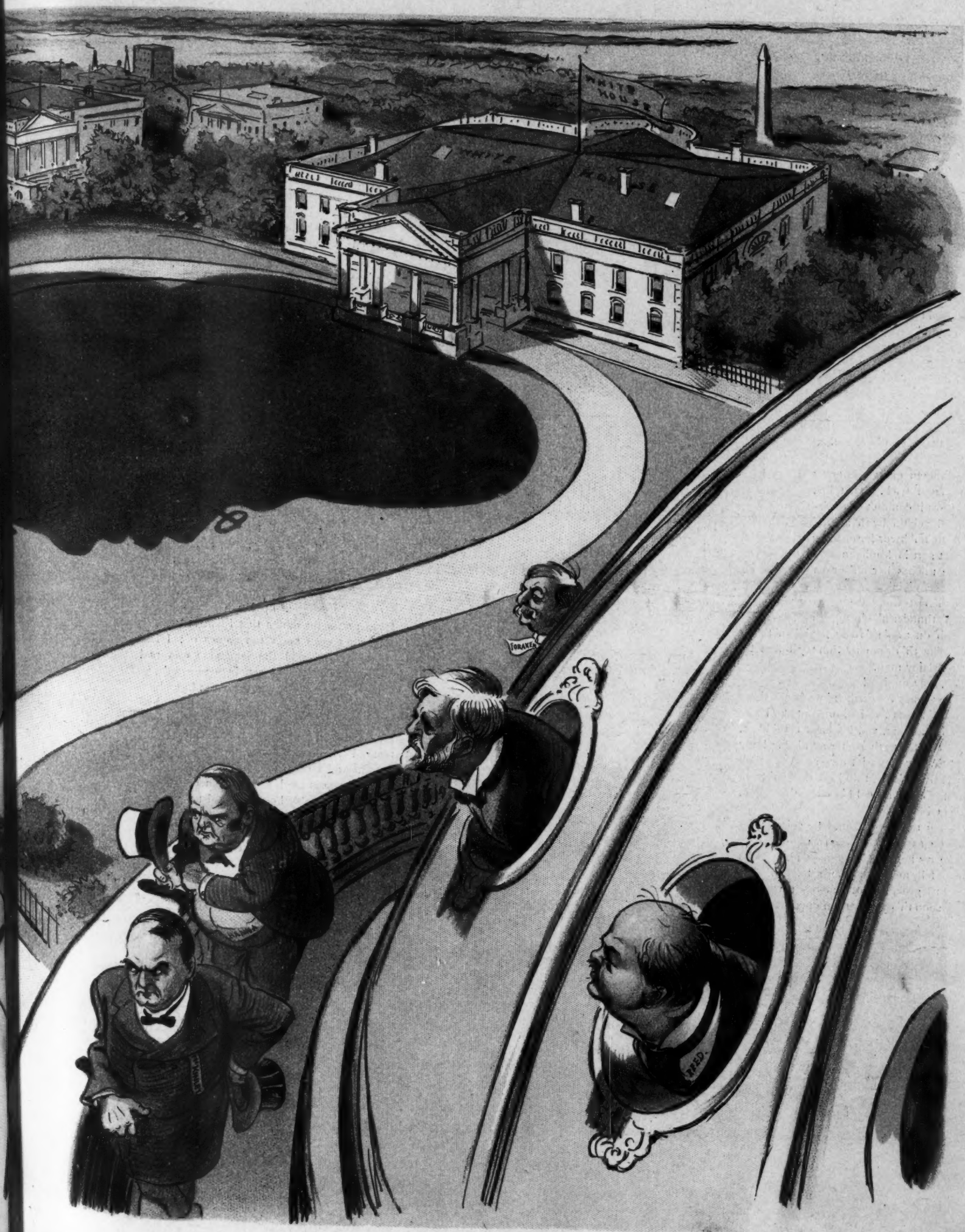

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TED GRADY'S STORY.

As told by Mr. McGarvey.

TIDDY GRADY told th' story t' a crowd av us at Finnegan's party, an' ivery one av us wor cross-oyed whin 'twor done, for we wor lookin' hard at th' b'y, an' Oi'm thinkin' th' oyes av us troied t' float down th' noses av us, creatin' the iffict.

"Whin yez git th' divil av a dose av pain," says Tid, "'tis playsure, it is."

Thin he goes on an' tills av th' foirin' av a blast at th' quarry. Iverything wor in riddiness, an' th' foreman had touched th' match. Th' min wint at a hoigh rate av spaid t' a safe distance, some runnin' an' some av th' dare-divils walkin' slow an' aisy loike. Thin says he,

"Mulligan saw her th' first. She wor liss than two rods from th' blast, b'hoind th' bushes, th' little girl av Tim Brogan, sittin' there swait as ye plaze, makin' mud-poies.

"Mulligan gives one snort an' goes lapin' back. Th' toime wor so short it couldn't be measured at all ixciptin' by th' holdin' av th' brith, an' 'twor haroism av th' foinest sort in Mulligan.

"He raiches her an' grabs her up, she givin' one startled croy — th' last thing we hears b'fore th' thunderin' blast goes aff, wid th' dust an' th' rocks floyin' an' th' air dancin' loike th' draim av Sunday b'fore th' oyes av a slaipy man.

"Ah, holy mother!

"We rushes forward, an' we foinds thim, both lookin' loike th' did. Mulligan wor loyin' on th' soide av him, wid his back t' th' blast. Th' little one lay in th' shilter av his big body —thot's th' way they wint down. A big rock lay on Mulligan's lig, th' blood tricklin' from b'naith it. 'Twor a cruel big one—th' biggest little one Oi iver saw.

"Whin th' doctor comes he soizes thim up, an' he says th' choild is unhurt, only shocked, says he, but Mulligan—will, he looks at th' poor felly an' says nothin' s' loud it makes th' all av us groan. But he goes t' work at thim, an' soon th' oyes av thim open—th' blue ones av th' kid first, th' gray ones av th' man wid th' bushes over thim nixt—an' we gives a bit av a cheer.

"Mulligan looks around dazed loike. Thin says he slow an' achy loike, 'Th' poor—little —girl!' says he. 'Oi done th'—bist—Oi could—but—th' blast —goes—aff—an' sh'—loses—her—little—lig.'

"Thin he laughs out long an' loud, an' they carries him off on a shutter, wid th' doctor walkin' b'hoind." DAVID H. TALMADGE.

LITERALLY ACCEPTED.

SANCTIMUS (*solemnly*)—"Yes, the poor woman 's dead. Peace to her ashes."
FLIPPANTICUSS—"Cremated, hey? This world or the other?"

HER ARMOR.

THE soldier-boy returning home
First stacks his arms away,
And then he quickly places them
Around his fiancée.

HIS OUTBREAK.

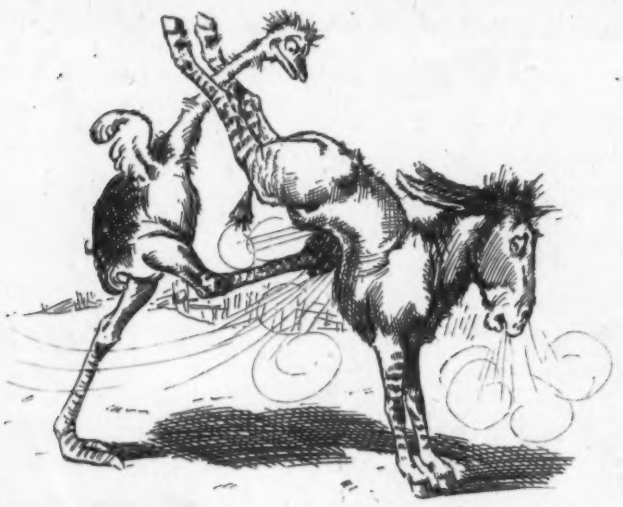
Mrs. Hornbeak—"I was never more mortified in my life! How could you cut up so at the church festival, Ezry—puttin' yourself on the level with them two drummer-fellers that came over from the hotel an' couldn't be satisfied with anything?"

Farmer Hornbeak—"I'm meek an' long-sufferin', an' all that, Debby; but, after all, I'm no rabbit. I didn't mind the overcharges an' other outrages at the festival, when they came singly. I paid without a murmur three prices for things that I had no use for an' didn't even know the names of; I lied cheerfully an' said the lemonade was real good; I acted the brazen hypocrite an' applauded the elocutionary outbursts; I gambled like a rake for the crazy-quilts, an' I laughed real hearty when I paid a hard-earned quarter for the blessed privilege of drawin' a card marked 'April fool!' out of the grab-bag; but they all kinder accumulated an' piled up on me towards the last, an' when I set down to the supper-table I couldn't resist the temptation to tell 'em that I wasn't populistic enough to approve of the coinage of oyster-stews at the ratio of sixteen stews to one oyster."

MULE (*aside*)—"Just watch me uppercut that fellow."

A DISTINCTION.

THEY say he's right who cards eschews,
That gambling is a sin;
It's gambling only when you lose,
Amusement when you win.



OSTRICH—"How 's that for a solar-plexus knock-out?"

MULE (*sadly*)—"Another case of Spanish-like over-confidence. Now I must have peace with the best terms possible."

SETTLED IN ONE ROUND.

A RHAPSODY.

She twanked a tune on her light guitar—
A low, sweet jangle of musical sounds,
As blurred as the voices of fairies are,
Dancing in moon-dawn, dales and downs;
And the twinkling drip of the strange refrain
Ran o'er the rim of my soul like rain.

The great blonde moon in the midnight skies
Paused and poised o'er the trellis-eaves,
And the stars in the light of her upturned eyes
Sifted their love through the rifted leaves -
Glinted and splintered in crystal mist
Down the glittering string that her fingers kissed.

Oh, the melody mad! Oh, the tinkle and thrill
Of the ecstasy of the exquisite thing!
The red rose dropped from the window-sill
And lay in a long swoon, quivering;
While the dying notes of the strain divine
Rippled in glee up my spell-bound spine.

—*James Whitcomb Riley.*

If health be wealth, they are "healthy, wealthy and wise" who use Abbott's—The Original Angostura Bitters.

"If you do not marry me I shall hang myself!" exclaimed a love-lorn Denver young man. "Well, if you do, please go down a block," was the cheerful response; "for I heard papa say he did not want you to hang around here." —*Denver Times.*

"I wonder where that inelegant word 'doggone' originated?" "Don't you know? Why, in that old song." "What old song?" "The one that begins, 'Oh, where, oh, where has my little doggone?'"—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

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Oh, some may wed for love alone;
Some for a home to call their own,
A house and lot and roasted muttons;
And some have hearts to trade away
For Santiago army-buttons.

—*Boston Budget.*

"Every morning, on the way to school," said the little miss, "the boys catch me and kiss me." "Why don't you run from them?" asked her father. "Because," replied the small edition of Eve, "maybe they wouldn't chase me." —*Pittsburg Bulletin.*

Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters, the renowned appetizer, is used over the whole civilized world; is imported from South America.

First customer—"Waiter, a fried fish." *Second customer*—"Bring me a fried fish too, waiter—and mind it is fresh." *Waiter*—"Two fried fish—one fresh!"—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

"O' course it ain't right to jedge folks by their looks," remarked the Hominy Ridge sage; "but whenever I see a man goin' aroun' with his pants fastened to his galuses with a tenpenny nail I allus git the idee in my head that he don't do much worryin' about the war-tax." —*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

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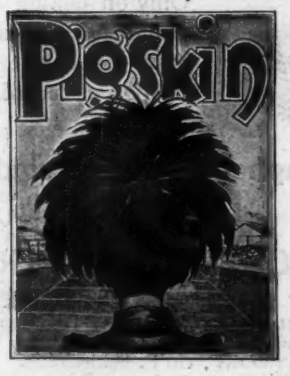

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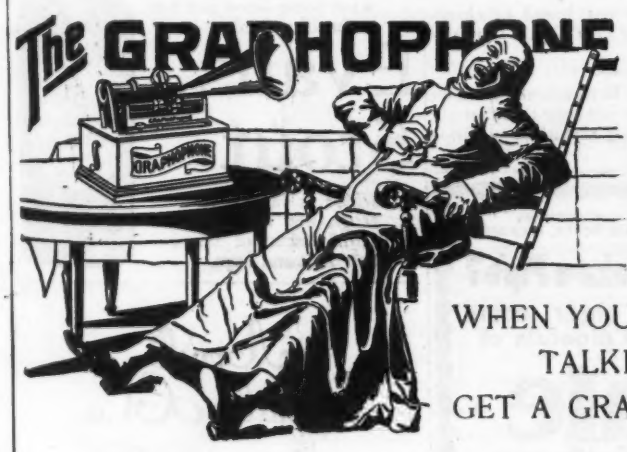

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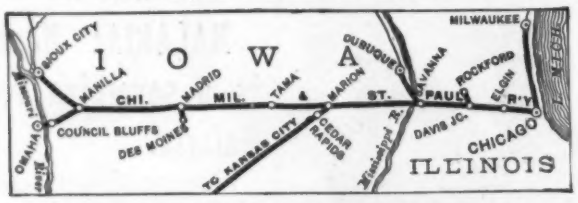

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Robert L. Worsing, Huntingdon, Pa.	" " " " "
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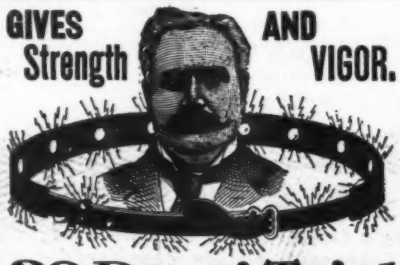

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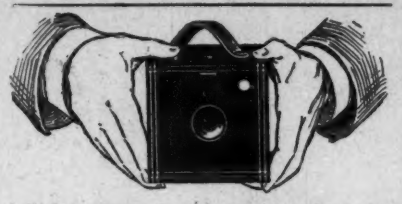

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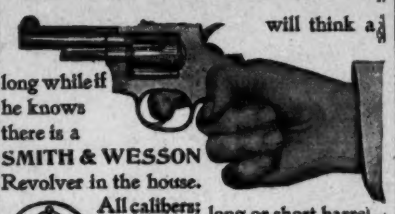

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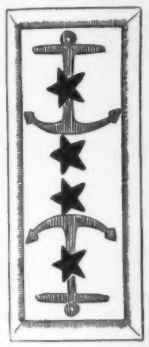

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